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#### Education:

- 1977- B.A., Political Science, Eisenhower College
- 1979-M.A., Government, Claremont Graduate School
- 1986- Ph.D, Political Philosophy & American Government, Claremont

#### Publications:

- **Books in Process:**
  - Cambridge Companion to The Federalist, co-edited with Jack Rakove (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)
  - The Education of Emma Woodhouse
- **Books:**
  - The Mind of James Madison: The Legacy of Classical Republicanism (Cambridge University Press, 2015).
  - James Madison and the Spirit of Republican Self-Government. Cambridge University Press, 2009.
  - With Gary L. McDowell, Friends of the Constitution: Writings of the "Other" Federalists, 1787-1788. Liberty Fund Press, 1998.
- **Selected Articles and Chapters:**
  - "Madison's America: Deliberative Republicanism, Political Communication, & the Sovereignty of Public Opinion," White Paper prepared for the National Constitution Center, publication forthcoming, 2019.
  - "The Measure and Elegance of Freedom: James Madison and the Bill of Rights". Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy, vol. 15 Chapter 2, Summer of 2017.
  - "The Real Ruling Authority". Liberty Law Forum, Georgetown University Law School (Republished later by Real Clear Policy), May 22, 2017.
  - "James Madison and 'Our First Duty,'" The Center for Vision and Values, Grove City College, Fall 2014. <http://www.visionandvalues.org/2014/09/james-madison-and-our-first-duty-by-dr-colleen-sheehan/>
  - Sound the Alarm to the People: An Analysis of James Madison's Virginia Resolutions and Virginia Report," "Law and Liberty," the Legal Website of the Liberty Fund, March 2012.
  - "Educating Public Opinion to Sustain the Spirit of Republican Government: Madison's Party Press Essays," Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, September 2010.

- "The Commerce of Ideas and Cultivation of Character in Madison's Republic, " in Bradley C. Watson, ed., Civic Education and Culture, (ISI Books, 2006).
- "Lamponing the Prince: A Second Solution to the Second Charade in Emma," Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal On-Line, Vol. 27, No 1 (Winter 2006).
- "Jane Austen's 'Tribute' to the Prince Regent: A Gentleman Riddled with Difficulty," Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal On-Line, Vol. 27, No 1 (Winter 2006).
- "Public Opinion and the Formation of Civic Character in Madison 's Republican Theory, " The Review of Politics, Winter 2005, Vol. 67, No. 1.
- "Madison v Hamilton: The Battle Over Republicanism and the Role of Public Opinion, " American Political Science Review, Vol. 98, No. 3, August 2004.
- "To Govern the Winds: Dangerous Acquaintances at Mansfield Park," Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal On-Line, Vol. 25, No. 1, Winter 2004.
- "It's a Topsy Turvy World," Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal, No. 26, 2004.
- "Madison and the French Enlightenment: The Authority of Public Opinion, " William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd Series, Vol. LIX, No.4, October 2002.
- "James Madison," in The Founders' Almanac, ed. Matthew Spaulding. (Washington, D.C.: B. Kenneth Simon Center for American Studies and The Heritage Foundation, 2002).
- "The Riddles of Emma," Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal, No. 22, 2000.

#### Teaching Areas:

- American Political Theory
- Jurisprudence
- Politics and Literature

#### Honors and Awards:

- Villanova University Summer Research Grant, 2016, 2008
- Earhart Foundation Research Fellowship Grant, 2008; 2005
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2006, 2004
- Mary and Kennedy Smith Fellow, James Madison Program, Princeton University, 2003-04
- Martin Manley Professor of the Year, 2001-02

#### Services:

- Pennsylvania State Board of Education, 2011 to 2018, appointed by Governor Tom Corbett
- Governor's Advisory Committee on Academic Standards, 1995-1998, Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge
- Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 149th Legislative District, 1995-96

#### Professional Experience:

- American Institute for History Education, 2009 to 2014 (Teaching American History and Government to K-12 Teachers across the United States)
- Ashbrook Center Masters in American History and Government Program, Ashland University, 2009-present
- Visiting Associate Professor, Princeton University, 2006
- Board of Advisors, REACH Foundation (for School Choice in Pennsylvania)
- The James Madison Society, Princeton University
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#### Area of Expertise:

- The American Founding

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